**Dog Foster Care Agreement**

**Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree that:

* I have received and read the RSPCA ACT Dog Foster Care Program Manual and agree to comply with the guidelines set out in that document;
* the foster dog remains the property of the RSPCA ACT at all times and I must return the dog to the RSPCA when requested to do so;
* I will not attempt to arrange the adoption or sale of any dog fostered to me, nor will I seek to adopt any such dog without the prior authorisation of the RSPCA ACT Executive Manager of Animal Welfare;
* RSPCA ACT is not responsible for any damage caused by the foster dog to my home, possessions, property, or to me or any person or animal during the foster period agreed with RSPCA ACT and otherwise while the dog is in my care;
* I am responsible for the foster dog and its actions during the foster period and otherwise while the dog is in my care, and I indemnify RSPCA ACT against any loss, liability or expense suffered or incurred by RSPCA ACT out of or in connection with any event or incident involving the dog that occurs during this period;
* I am not legally disqualified from keeping a dog or any animal and I will ensure that I comply with all laws relating to keeping a dog during the foster period and other wise while the dog is in my care.

I also agree to:

* take the dog into temporary care for the foster period and ensure that the dog is kept in safe and appropriate areas and with appropriate facilities and equipment, in accordance with the Manual guidelines;
* take good care of the dog;
* allow inspection at any time of the dog and the area in which the dog is kept;
* provide clean, dry, comfortable housing and bedding for the dog;
* regularly monitor the dog for any signs of illness or injury and to contact the RSPCA ACT Veterinary Clinic as soon as possible where such signs appear;
* regularly feed the dog and maintain its hygiene in accordance with the Manual guidelines;
* return the dog to RSPCA ACT at the end of the foster period;
* comply with any directions and decisions of the RSPCA ACT Senior Behavioural Trainer and Executive Manager Animal Welfare.

Please note: In the event of any breach by the Applicant of any of the above conditions, RSPCA ACT many immediately terminate an approval to foster and the applicant must return the dog promptly to RSPCA ACT.

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| **Foster Carer Signature** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Senior Behavioural Trainer/Executive Manager Animal Welfare** |  | **Date** |  |